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Note verbale dated 26 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia and has the honour to refer to his note SCA/1/04(01) requesting information on the measures taken by Costa Rica to implement the sanctions imposed by the Security Council against the Liberia regime. In that regard, the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica has the honour to report the following:

1. Costa Rica has no commercial relations with Liberia. In 2003 no trade flows with Liberia involving diamonds or wood products were recorded. In this connection, please find attached a note from Ms. Vivian Campos Zúñiga, Adviser with the Monitoring, Trade and Investment Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica, certifying that in 2003 no commercial transactions with Liberia were recorded.*

2. Costa Rica has not issued any permits for the sale of arms to Liberia and has not provided military assistance to any armed group in that country. Moreover, Costa Rica has not served as a conduit for the transit of arms to Liberia. In this connection, please find attached a certification from Commander Eric Karolicki Karolicki, Director General for Armaments of the Ministry of Public Security of Costa Rica.*

3. With regard to the list of persons associated with the Charles Taylor regime and subject to a travel ban, it should be noted that all citizens of Liberia require a visa to enter Costa Rica. The Directorate of Migration and Alien Affairs of the Ministry of the Interior of Costa Rica, the agency responsible for authorizing the issuance of such visas, has included in its electronic database of persons who should be denied a visa the names of the persons associated with the Taylor regime and listed by the Security Council.

* The text is available in the files of the Secretariat.

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4. The Government of Costa Rica has no diplomatic or consular offices in Liberia.

5. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica is remaining vigilant to ensure that Costa Rica fully complies with the Security Council provisions relating to Liberia and is prepared to intercede with the appropriate national authorities in order to ensure the continued observance of those measures.

6. In short, the Government of Costa Rica is fully complying with the measures instituted by the Security Council in resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia.